



South Wellington Coin Society

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The Guelph Meeting of the South Wellington Coin Society was held on Tuesday April 20th. Twelve members attended and four dealers were present. The featured speaker was Chris Boyer with a talk and slide presentation of Stamp and Coin look alike. For those who attended the ONA Convention in Guelph Chris had a display on this subject at the convention. Chris recently had an article in the Coin Guide on this subject. The display and slides showed some very nice examples of stamp and coin look alike. Chris pointed out that in some instances, the 100th anniversary of the Stanley Cup, that the similarities were collaboration between the mint and Canada Post.

Scott Douglas reported on his recent visit to the Chicago International Coin Show. Scott attended a numismatic literature auction during the show and said there were some very strong bids for the lots.

A mini-auction was held at the end of our meeting for several numismatic CD's and a set of Charleton Books. In the future we plan to hold full auctions at the Guelph meeting.

At the Rockwood Public Library, at 7:00pm on Wednesday May 5th, the SWCS will be treated to a slide presentation on "Coinage of Newfoundland". This slide presentation was made available by the Ontario Numismatic Association and will feature some fine examples of coinage from Canada's 10th province, which issued its own coinage from 1865 until 1947. Newfoundland also issued a \$2 gold coin from 1865-1888 valued as "Two Dollars", "One Hundred Pence" and "Two Hundred Cents"

At the Churchill Room, at the Colonel John McCrae Legion on York Road in Guelph, at 7:00 on Tuesday May 18th, the SWCS will feature a slide presentation on "Canada's Five Cent Silver Coinage". Issued first by the "Province of Canada" in 1858 and then by the Dominion of Canada from 1870 until 1921, these small, sterling silver five cent coins were commonly referred to as "fish scales" due to their minuscule size! Highly collectible, they are presented in this slide presentation in dazzling brilliant uncirculated condition. Don't miss out on seeing this fine historical presentation.

A Numismatic Diary

by Chris Boyer

There are many ways, numismatically speaking, to commemorate important events such as births, marriages, graduations, et cetera. The Royal Canadian Mint, United States Mint, and other world mints have a plethora of products available with special packaging to suit those needs. Coin dealers, too, are getting into the game, making up their own special year sets with circulated coins from a particular year. What is described in this article is a way to keep a "numismatic diary" for a young child (and potential would-be collector), which marks important dates to remember.

What I have begun keeping for my own daughter Sabrina (now just turned three years old) is a kind of Numismatic Diary. Rather than just a box full of accumulated finds and gifts, each item of significance has been placed in a two-by-two or currency sleeve and has been labeled, indicating why the item is important. When she is old

enough, say in a couple of years, I can pull out the Numismatic Diary and go through it with her. Hopefully, it may spark some interest in numismatics; then again, maybe it won't. At the very least, it will be a way of going over her early past and sharing with her some important dates, in a numismatic format.

On the day my daughter was born, I purchased some birth announcement cards on the way back to the hospital, and received a 1971 3-character prefix \$10 bill in change. These notes are seldom seen in circulation, and certainly not almost 25 years after their introduction (Sabrina was born in 1995.) I considered the find "a good omen" and placed the note in a labeled currency sleeve.

Sometime later, one of my students and her mother shared with me a British custom with which I was unfamiliar. Apparently, so I recall, if a new-born is given a shilling piece to hold and grasps it firmly, she will not be in financial need. If it falls out of grasp, the future spells out financial want. Much to my relief (although I don't put much stock in such folklore) the shilling coin was held without falling. The coin used has been labeled and added to my daughter's Numismatic Diary.

Sabrina's paternal grandfather, who has been no small influence in my own interest in numismatics, is a big supporter of his first grandchild's numismatic collection. Grandpa purchased for her a 1995-dated "Bundle of Joy" uncirculated set, which is also labeled and placed in her collection, along with the yearly 1/10 ounce platinum Maple Leaf coins sent each birthday. Even small items such as a found Lincoln cent which he gave her on a family trip to the States are labeled and placed in her keepsake Numismatic Diary.

Even at the tender age of three, Sabrina accompanies her dad to coin shows and meetings from time to time. (I try to tell myself it's because she is a budding numismatist, but I think it's probably because she just wants to be with her daddy.) Several generous dealers have given my daughter various numismatic items over the years, from proof coins to "junk box" treasures, which have been labeled and included in the Numismatic Diary. Even the 1943 one-cent piece she got as a junior door prize at the Niagara Falls Coin Show is in there, to serve as a reminder for her (and for me) of our enjoyable trip to

Elongated coins are a great keepsake to add to the Numismatic Diary. Sabrina's trip to the Metro Toronto Zoo is commemorated with elongated coins, as is her trip to the Canadian side of Niagara Falls.

My numismatic penpal Antonis, who lives in Greece, has included various Greek coins for my daughter on occasion, along with his letter and numismatic gifts to me. Although she has never met her benefactor, she has a tangible indication that someone in a far away land has sent her a gift with an image on it.

Numismatic Diaries need not be limited to children. The entries can serve adults as a memento of a coin convention, a lucky find in change, a memorable coin show, or what have you. What an interesting thing to look back upon, or share with another. The possibilities are limitless.

Not unlike a photo album, the Numismatic Diary can be taken out from time to time, and enjoyed. With the advent of the New Year and the upcoming Millennium, why not make a resolution to begin a numismatic diary for a young person, or as a keepsake diary for one's self.

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Meetings

7:30 on the first Wed. of every Month
at the Eramosa Community Library (Rockwood)

7:00pm on the third Tuesday of each month
at the Churchill Room Colonel John McCrae Legion,
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FROM THE TREASURER

OUR MEDALS ARE FINALLY IN, SO
PLEASE ATTEND OUR COMING
MEETING TO PICK UP YOUR ORDERS

THERE ARE ONLY TWO SETS LEFT.
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE CERTI-
FICATES WILL NOT BE READY IN TIME
FOR THE MEETING, AS IT IS RATHER A
COMPLICATED PROCESS. IN ORDER TO
MAKE IT AT LEAST AS GOOD AS OUR
FIRST ONE.

IT SHOULD BE A VERY INTERESTING
MEETING, AS OUR PRESIDENT HAS
SOME NEW AND INTERESTING PROPOSITIONS
TO ANNOUNCE.

THE AUCTION LIST IS RATHER SHORT
BUT THERE WILL BE MORE THAN TWENTY
ITEMS ON THE TABLE.

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AUCTION FOR TUESDAY MAY 18, 1999.

<u>LOT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EST.VALUE</u>	<u>RESERVE</u>	<u>BID</u>
1.	CANADA SILVER DOLLAR 1952 NWL	20.00	10.00	
2.	CANADA SILVER DOLLAR 1953	16.00	8.00	
3.	CANADA SILVER DOLLAR 1961		7.00	
4.	CANADA SILVER DOLLAR 1962		7.00	
5.	CANADA SILVER DOLLAR 1964		7.00	
6.	CANADA SILVER DOLLAR 1966		7.00	
7.	CANADA 5c 1926 'near' 6	16.00	8.00	
8.	CANADA 50c ICCS VF20 (Hoof in 9)	30.00	15.00	
9.	CANADA Communion Tokens 4 Different	90.00	45.00	
10.	United States 'HOBO' nickel	6.00	3.00	
11.	TOKENS: Clear Creek 10c,25c& 50c.	15.00	7.50	